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For: ELECTRIC CONNECTION FOR FUEL INJECTORS

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Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on September 12, 2003.

There is no anticipation. The *Romann, et al.* reference never discusses nor discloses any form of piercing through an insulating layer as claimed.

Moreover, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's statement that it "is well known in the electrical connector art, the term 'crimping' includes the steps of piercing and penetrating through an insulation covering on an electrical conductor." The term "crimping" as used in the *Romann, et al.* reference does not include such piercing. Instead, the *Romann, et al.* reference describes crimping as solderless squeezing.

The *Romann, et al.* reference distinguishes between the printed circuit board arrangement and insulated cables. In the paragraph of column 4, lines 24-44, the

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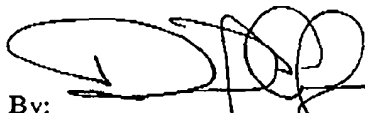
*Romann, et al.* reference clearly distinguishes between the arrangements shown in the drawings and one where individually insulated cables are used. As such the embodiments shown in the drawings cannot be interpreted as the Examiner interprets them. That is, the printed circuit board embodiments shown in the drawings cannot be considered to be teaching insulated coverings over wires. Interpreting the drawings in that manner goes directly against the express teachings of the *Romann, et al.* reference.

If the Examiner is now contending that there would be a rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103 based upon *Romann, et al.* combined with U.S. Patent No. 4,832,620, the claims are still allowable. Neither of these two patents discloses or suggests piercing through an insulating layer as recited in Applicant's claims. The Examiner has not established a *prima facie* case of obviousness (assuming that is the intention of the remarks in paragraph 3 of the most recent Office Action).

This case is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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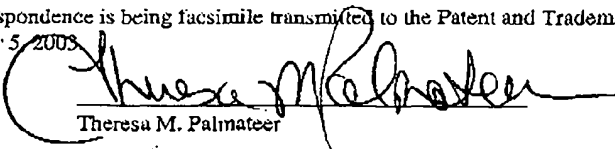
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